

*AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS*

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

1. (Currently Amended) A surface coated phosphor comprising an uncoated phosphor and a layer of continuous uniform coating comprising a crystalline rare earth oxide disposed on the uncoated phosphor having a thickness ranging from 1 nm to about 1000 nm, wherein the surface coated phosphor is configured as a coating in [[for]] a display device.
2. (Original) The surface coated phosphor of claim 1, wherein said uncoated phosphor is a sulfide or oxide phosphor.
3. (Original) The surface coated phosphor of claim 2, wherein said uncoated phosphor is a sulfide phosphor.
4. (Original) The surface coated phosphor of claim 3, wherein said sulfide phosphor is a ZnS based phosphor.
5. (Original) The surface coated phosphor of claim 4, wherein said ZnS based phosphor is selected from the group consisting of  $\text{ZnS}:\text{Cu}$ ;  $\text{ZnS}:\text{Cu}, \text{Al}$ ;  $(\text{Zn}, \text{Cd})\text{S}:\text{Ag}, \text{Al}$ ; and combinations thereof.
6. (Original) The surface coated phosphor of claim 5, wherein said ZnS based phosphor is  $\text{ZnS}:\text{Cu}$ .
7. (Original) The surface coated phosphor of claim 1, wherein said rare earth oxide is  $\text{Y}_2\text{O}_3$ .
- 8-36. (Canceled).
37. (Previously Presented) The surface coated phosphor of claim 1, wherein the continuous uniform coating has a thickness of from 1 nm to about 50 nm.
38. (Currently Amended) A surface coated phosphor consisting of an uncoated phosphor and a layer of continuous uniform coating comprising a crystalline rare earth oxide disposed on the uncoated phosphor having a thickness ranging from 1 nm to about 1000 nm, wherein the surface coated phosphor is configured as a coating in [[for]] a display device.

39. (Currently Amended) A surface coated phosphor comprising ☐ an uncoated phosphor and a layer of continuous uniform coating comprising crystalline  $Y_2O_3$  disposed on the uncoated phosphor having a thickness ranging from 1 nm to about 1000 nm, wherein the surface coated phosphor is configured as a coating in ☐ a display device.